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1. A recognition apparatus equipped with a recognition
processing portion which carries out a recognition process on
5 supplied image data using dictionary data stored in a storage
portion, comprising:

means for writing said dictionary data into said storage
portion;

10 wherein said dictionary data stored in said storage portion
is erased at least at the time when the power is not on.

2. The recognition apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said storage
portion is constructed from a volatile memory, and wherein the
erasing of said dictionary data is carried out automatically in
15 accordance with the cutting off of the power supply.

3. The recognition apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said storage
portion is constructed from a rewriteable memory, and further
comprising means for erasing said dictionary data stored in said
20 storage portion at a prescribed timing.

4. The recognition apparatus of any one of Claim 1 through
Claim 3, further comprising means for monitoring the connection
status of said storage portion.

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